the only major unit manufacuring electric locomotives in the Railway Sector, should be utilised first for the manufacture of electric locomotives.

Demands of Employees in Production Units in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

1072. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any charter of demands from the workmen employed in the Production unit of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works ;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(a) whether these demands are under active consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, by when these demands are likely to be accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALUKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

<l>) to (d) Demands are both general iike netting up of Wage Board, increase in wages to the extent of 20% from 1-1-91, payment of Conveyance Allowance, treating DA as pay for all purposes etc. and local demand like ban on recruitment and filling up of Class III & Class IV posts in C. L. W.

The general demands concern Central Government employees as a whole and, therefore, no unilateral decisions can be taken for railway employees alone.

As regards local demand, some restrictions on recruitment of Class III & Class IV posts have been imposed, on all Railway basis, to contain staff costs, which are reviewed from time to time, on merits.

Cost of Production of Electric Locomotives, Traction Motors and B. G. Loco Bogies

1073. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to slate :

(a) whether it is a fact that the costs of production of (i) electric locomotives, (ii) traction motors and (iii) B. G. loco bogies are less than the cost of the above imported items;

(b) if so, what are the respective costs at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and landing cost of these imported items; and

(c) what are the reasons for importing the said items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Except for electric locomotives where cost compari-sion can not be made due to difference in horse power and designs of the electric locomotives.

(b) The comparison of landed costs of imported B. G. locomotive Bogies and traction motors with the cost of manufacture at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works of these types of praducts manufactured with similar technology is as under:

S. No.	Item	Chittaranjan Locomotive Works manufactured costs	Landed imported costs
1	Traction Motor (Hitachi design) . . .	Rs. 14.5 Lakhs	Rs. 18.00 Lakhs
2	B.G. Locomotive Bogies (Trimount) . .	Rs. 2.9 Lakhs	Rs. 10.48 Lakhs